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On 13 and 14 April 1954, swept-back jet fighters which came from the direction of Lindau-Zerbst practiced firing at the Aken firing range. The aircraft approached in formations of fours at an altitude of about 1,000 meters and, at distances of 500 to 700 meters between the individual aircraft; they dived to an altitude of 70 to 100 meters while firing at the targets with their aircraft armament. The targets represented aircraft and figures eight which had been cut into the sod and were marked with chalk. A radio truck with four officers and 6 soldiers wearing blue epaulets were observed at the field.

                     comment. The aircraft probably belonged to the fighter regiment stationed at Zerbst. The Aken firing range is also used by the fighter regiment stationed at Koethen.

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